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## **JOINT MANISTEE-BENZIE COURT COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Manistee County Courthouse & Government  
Center

2:00 p.m.

Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

### **MINUTES**

Members Present: Ed Haik, Manistee County Commissioner; Ken Hilliard, Manistee County Commissioner; Mark Roper, Benzie County Commissioner; and Donald R. Tanner, Benzie County Commissioner

Absent: Allan O'Shea, Chairperson, Manistee County Commissioners

Others Present: Judge James M. Batzer, Circuit Court; Judge Brent Danielson, District Court; David Thompson, Friend of the Court; Kris Randall, Circuit Court Administrator; Toni Gorch, Manistee County District Court Magistrate; Hope Cicansky, Benzie County District Court Magistrate; Karen Molby, Manistee County Administrative Assistant; Jim Parrinello, District Court Probation Officer; Deidre Robison, Manistee County Probate Court Register; Russell Pomeroy, Manistee County Treasurer; Bridgett Quinn-Guillen, Manistee County District Court Recorder; Linda Wilson, Benzie County Treasurer; Frank Walterhouse, Benzie County Commissioner; Dale Kowalkowski, Manistee County Sheriff; Jill Nowak, Chief Deputy County Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

**ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

Moved by Roper, supported by Hilliard to approve the Joint Manistee-Benzie Court Committee Minutes of Friday, August 13, 2010.

Motion Carried  
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Moved by Tanner, supported by Roper to accept the following Wage & Fringe Benefit Proposal.

1. Wage Increases: 0.0% for one (1) year.
2. Implement the BCBS PPO 15 Plan with \$30 office visit and chiropractic office visit, and \$1,000 Preventative Plus Rider. The County will reimburse the employee, through the Direct Feed System administered by Advanced Benefit Solutions, back to the PPO 3 Plan, on a self-funded basis, deductibles and co-pays incurred by the employee for inpatient and outpatient hospital services, office visit co-pays and chiropractic office visit co-pays. Reimbursement does not include prescription co-pays or hospital emergency room co-pays.
3. HRA Deposit: \$900 effective October 1, 2010.
4. Part-time employee status-change to 30 hours per week.
5. Discontinue cancer insurance payment of \$9.50 per month.
7. One (1) year agreement.
9. OPT-OUT Health Insurance Provision-25% of Insurance Premium of whatever policy the employee would be eligible for at the time they are opting out of the health insurance provision.

Motion Carried  
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## **ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

The following Wage and Fringe Benefit items will be revisited at a later date.

6. Cap the County's MERS contribution at 12%. Current Member contribution is 3.28% of payroll. County's contribution is 14.66% effective January 1, 2011.
8. \$250 Medicare Benefit, payable 55 to Medicare age. This item will be redefined and brought back in the future. The language needs to be looked at before it can be revisited.

If the County receives more revenue than expected, the County will revisit a small wage increase for it's employees.

The next scheduled Joint Court Committee Meeting will be held on Friday, October 8, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in Benzie County.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

### **MANISTEE COUNTY**

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Ed Haik  
Manistee County Commissioner

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Ken Hilliard  
Manistee County Commissioner

### **BENZIE COUNTY**

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Mark Roper  
Benzie County Commissioner

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Donald R. Tanner  
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